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SUBJECT: CHARGE'S MEETING WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER, JUNE 23

1. CHARGE CALLED ON ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER TATI-LOUTARD (HE ALSO IS MINISTER OF CULTURE, SPORTS, AND ARTS), JUNE 23. CHARGE REVIEWED STATE OF CONGOLESE REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM USG AND TOOK OCCASION TO PRESENT NEWLY ARRIVED PAO ARCHIBALD.
2. TATI-LOUTARD WAS PLEASED WITH OUR ABILITY TO ASSIST CONGOLESE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES THROUGH ENCOURAGING PRIVATE AND OTHER MEANS, AND WAS CLEARLY SATISFIED WITH THE ARRIVAL OF OUR PAO.
3. CHARGE REVIEWED US POSITION CONCERNING SHABA, WHICH TATI-LOUTARD SAID CONGO READILY UNDERSTOOD. TATI-LOUTARD NOTED THAT CONGO REMAINS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO A MEDIATION EFFORT AND AN OAU PEACE KEEPING FORCE, "IF THE SITUATION
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REQUIRES."

4. CHARGE ALSB REFERRED TO AMBASSADOR MCHENRY'S PRESENCE IN LUANDA, HAVING BRIEFED MFA PREVIOUS DAY. FOLLOWING MEETING, WE LEARNED THAT AN ANGOLAN DELEGATION IS FLYING TO OWANDO JUNE 26, TO PRESENT MESSAGE TO YHOMBY-OPANGO FROM PRESIDENT NETO.

5. TATI-LOUTARD WAS SUPPORTIVE OF ANGLO/AMERICAN INITIATIVE ON RHODESIA (STATE 141940 NOTAL). FYI: EARLIER IN DAY, FRG CHARGE BALLEISEN HAD ASKEDS CHARGE WHETHER WE WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN JOINT APPROACH TO CONGOLESE CONCERNING RHODESIA. WE SUGGESTED THAT THIS PROBABLY WAS NOT NECESSARY, AND BALLEISEN SEEMED TO BE RELIEVED THAT HE WOULD NOT HAVE TO ORGANIZE A PRESENTATION TO INCLUDE US, FRENCH, AND ITALIANS. (STATE 154994 NOTAL). BALLEISEN PLANS TO BRING UP QUESTION, "IN PASSING," AT MEETING WITH CONGOLESE MFA DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS. END FYI.

6. TATI-LOUTARD CONVEYED WILLINGNESS TO CONSULT AS AFRICANS HEAD TOWARD OAU SUMMIT. (STATE 155074).

7. CHARGE ALSO REFERRED TO TWO OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS: FIRST, THE APPARENTLY CONTINUING RELUCTANCE OF MINISTER OF DEFENSE SASSOU-NGUESSO TO RECEIVE KINSHASA-BASED US MILITARY ATTACHES WHOSE ACCREDITATION HERE WAS ACCEPTED BY MFA FEBRUARY

13. TATI-LOUTARD SAID THAT THE INTERNAL PROBLEM OF SASSOU'S ANGER OVER MFA HAVING NOT CONSULTED HIM PRIOR TO APPROVING THE ACCREDITATION HAS BEEN RESOLVED AT PRESIDENT'S INSISTENCE, AND THAT SUGGESTED TIMING FOR VISIT BY MILITARY ATTACHES WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO US SHORTLY. WHEN
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APPOINTMENT IS PROPOSED WE WILL CHECK WITH DAO KINSHASA AND INFORM CONGOLESE THAT LT.COL WENZEL HAS REPLACED LT.COL BEACH (DAO KINSYASA ORDERS 28-78 NOTAL.) WE PREFER TO WAIT UNTIL THAT TIME SINCE FURTHER PAPERWORK COULD RESULT IN CONGOLESE REQUEST FOR RESUBMISSION OF ALL THREE NAMES. SECONDLY, CHARGE REFERRED TO ROBBERIES AT COM RESIDENCE AND REQUESTED CONGOLESE ASSISTANCE WHICH, TATI-LOUTARD ASSURED US, WOULD BE GIVEN.
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